Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Gladys Pyle was born to John L. and Mary Pyle on October 4, 1890, in Huron, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Gladys, along with her brother and two sisters, learned the importance of active participation in both civic affairs and humanitarian endeavors from her parents' extraordinary example; and,

WHEREAS, Following graduation from Huron College, Gladys became a school teacher, sharing her gifts of leadership and learning with South Dakota's youth; and,

WHEREAS, Gladys proved by her admirable example of involvement in government affairs that a woman could be an eloquent and influential office holder; and,

WHEREAS, During her outstanding service to the people, Gladys compiled an impressive list of firsts including: first South Dakota woman legislator, first woman to be elected to a constitutional office in the State, and first South Dakota woman elected to either House in United States Congress; and,

WHEREAS, Gladys represented the people of her State with dignity and justifiably gained the admiration and respect of her colleagues and constituents; and,

WHEREAS, Gladys symbolizes the spirit and vigor of an involved citizen, whose great contributions illustrate her genuine love for people; and,

WHEREAS, As Governor it is my privilege and honor to make note of the momentous occasion celebrating the Ninetieth Birthday of a truly "grand" lady:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 4, 1980, as

GLADYS PYLE DAY

in South Dakota, and on behalf of the people of South Dakota, extend to Gladys the sincere wish that her special day will abound with joy and loving good will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE